(c) Rs. 85.00 lakhs for two projects as Central Financial assistance is proposed by the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi for 1996-97 :

1. Flood lighting of Parliament House, North and South Block, Rajpath and India Gate.

2. Tourist Complex at Nandprayag.

(d) The importance of promotion of tourism to attract National/International tourists is well recognised by the Government, and is a continuous, concerted and on-going activity, of the Government.

[English]

Losses by AI

3074. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the losses incurred by Air India on account of leasing of aircraft;

(b) whether any enquiry/investigation has been ordered into the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the proposed follow up action against those who have been responsible for the loss?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Losses incurred by Air India on operations (passenger) undertaken with aircraft taken on wet lease are:

(Rs. in crores)

1995-96 (Provisional)	1996-97 (Estimated) (Upto September '96)
96.54	88.75

These losses were incurred on account of the strategy of growth and expansion of Air India's operations and disruptions due to industrial unrest.

(b) to (d) Allegation of kickbacks in the wet leasing agreements is under verification of Central Bureau of Investigation.

Residential Units in Almora

3075. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had acquired the land in Almora during 1984 for the construction of residential units for postal employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of house constructed so far/proposed to be constructed therein;

(c) the time by which the remaining houses are likely to be constructed; and

(d) the financial allocation made during each of the last three years for the purpose and the proposed allocation for the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Land measuring 8556.69 sq. metres was acquired by the Department at Thapalia (Almora) in 1984 for the construction of 46 Nos. of staff quarters. So far 6 Nos. type-II staff quarters have been constructed.

(c) Construction of the remaining staff quarters would depend upon the availability of funds.

(d) Following funds were allocated for this purpose in the last three years:

1994-95	Rs. 1.50 lakh
1995-96	Rs. 6.11 lakh
1996-97	Rs. 1.00 lakh

The allocation of funds for the years 1997-98 is yet to be finalized.

[Translation]

Small Charter Aeroplanes Service in Rajasthan

3076. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce small charter aeroplane services in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the cities proposed to be covered under the said service; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) Indian Airlines has no plans to introduce Small Charter aeroplane service in Rajasthan Golden Hill Aviation and Rajputana Aviation Academy, however, have the proposal to provide charter services in Rajasthan. The cities proposed to be covered under this scheme will depend upon the requirements of charterers.

Labour Commission

3077. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a 'Labour Commission' in the perspective of new economic policies;